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Application of: Thomas *et al.*

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated November 16, 2001, be extended for a period of 2 months from January 16, 2002 to and including March 16, 2002.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$400. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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